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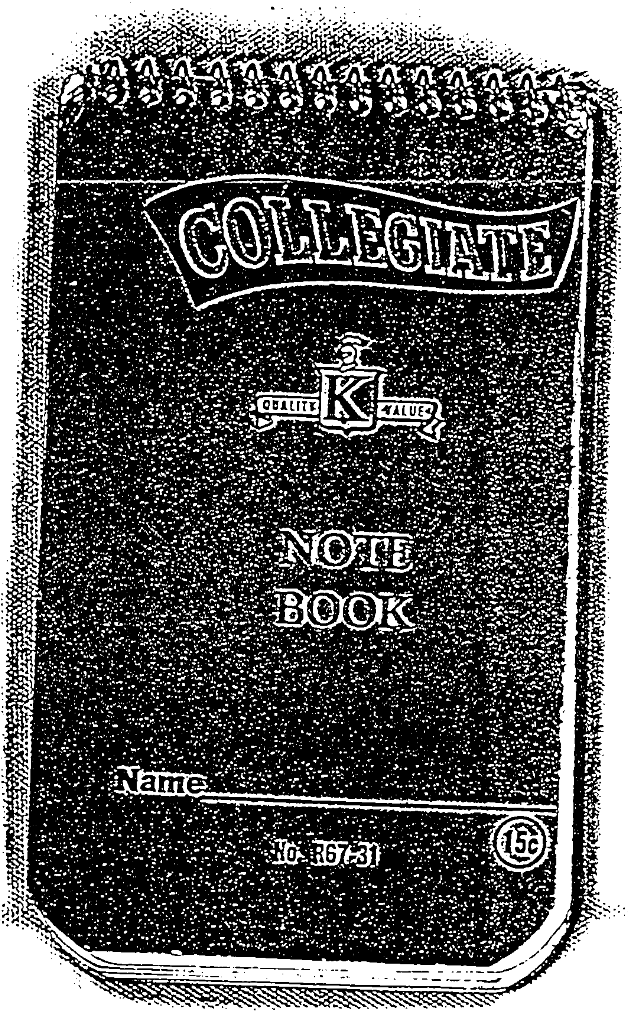
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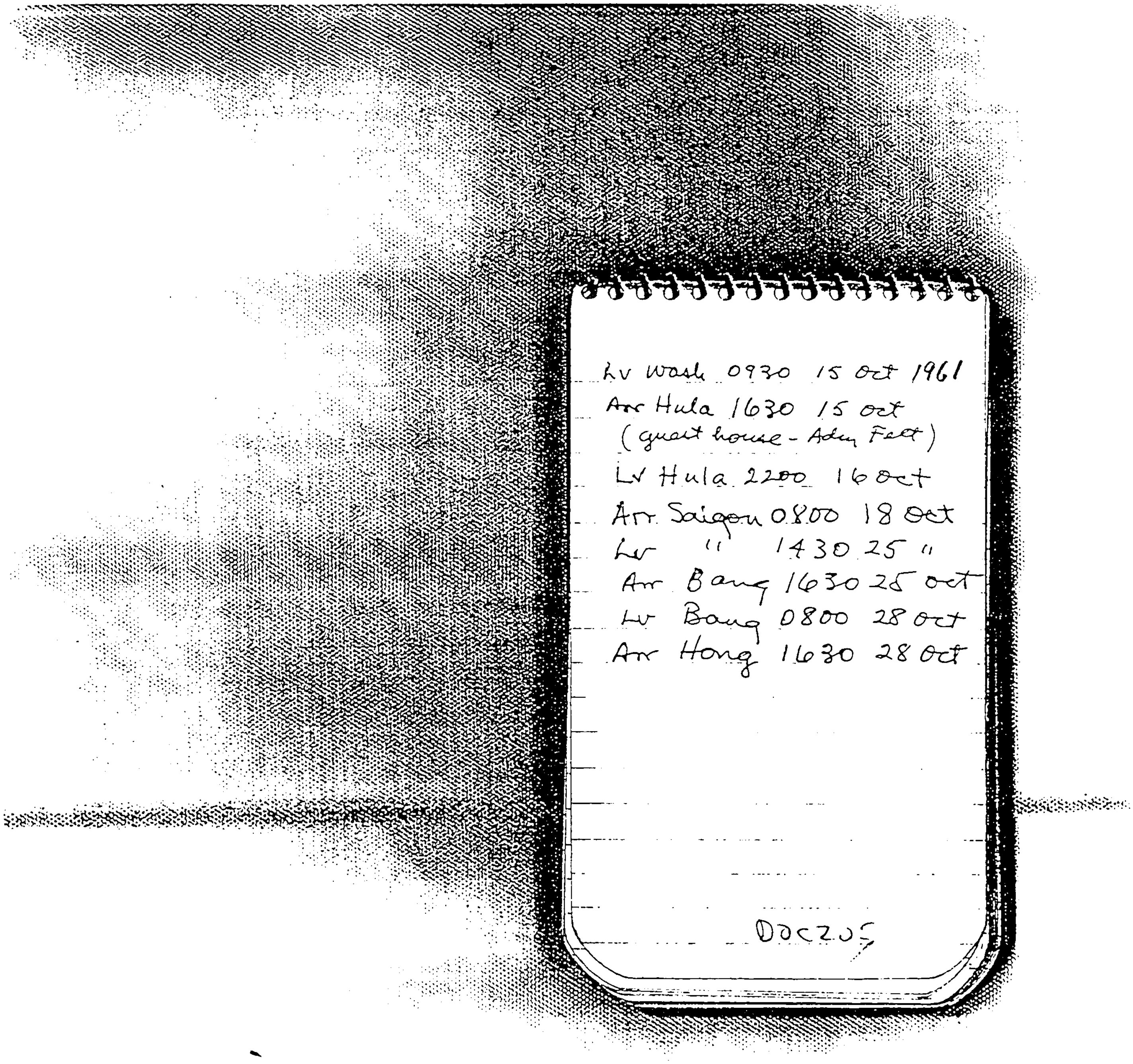

Lv Wash 0930 15 Oct 1961
Arr Hula 1630 15 oct
(guest house - Adm Felt)
Lv Hula 2200 16 Oct
Arr Saigon 0800 18 Oct
Lv " 1430 25 "
Arr Bang 1630 25 oct
Lv Bang 0800 28 oct
Arr Hong 1630 28 Oct

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$5 - Felts' houseboys
$7 - acft food, etc
₱73.5 = $1
₱700 - lunch Continental
19 Oct (4)
₱100 - driver, lunch dinner
19 Oct
₱100 - driver - lunch/dinner
20 Oct
₱1,000 - dinner Ma
Cabane
21 Oct
$20 - to Mary for kids
in Taiwan at
college.

CINCPAC - 16 oct
Laos -
-500
MTTs in trng now. 16
US forces commit. Combat
cadres? Decision?

—

Embassy 18 Oct
18 Oct - group
2-3 - separate groups
19-20-21 - Taylor available
for consultation
21-22 - confrontation Taylor
Nolting
23 - meet NDD
24 - dep ~~for~~ Bangkok

(B)(1)
OSD
Get [ ] know
[illegible]

18 Oct - Emb. meet
Taylor - air = Thurs & Fri.

Gardiner - Rural Health
3,000 dispensaries
Long-term:
Teacher's College
(ref US mil)
Teaching hospital
(grad. first dr in 1970)
—
John
Anspacher -
Sub-Comm. - Emb. TF
Diem/Thuan have to
approve each.
Too many psy ops
"experts".
GVN - better org, with a
leader at Presidential level

- Statement of principles
- Don't provide things
needed right now / don't
have this type civic action

[ ] (B)(1) OSD

Cent Intell O - not
given authority along
with responsibility
—
Proposal for expansion
(1st Obs Bn) plans -
Coast psywar.
civilian airline

McGarr

still too much static defense.

Prov. chief still jump chain of command – directly to Pres.

3 new regts into div (says Thuan), McGarr wants one as reserve in each area, to permit trng others.

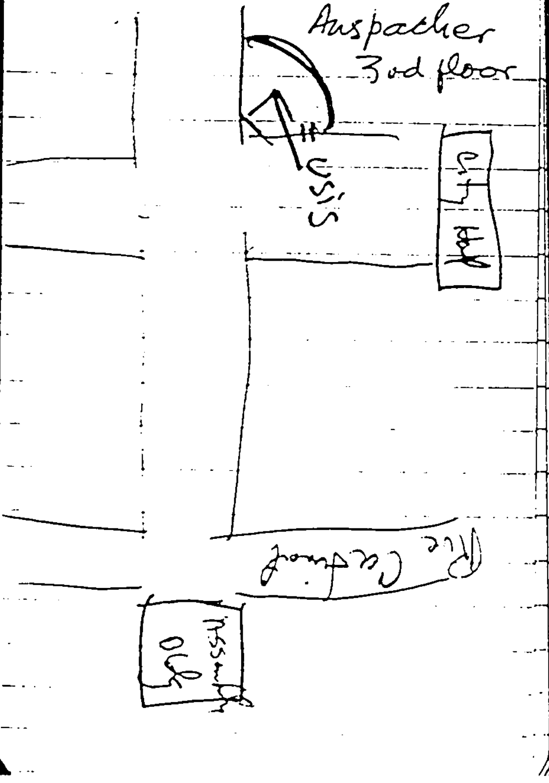
Ranger ~~Teams~~ companies – misused guard bridges / prov. chiefs. No papa-mamma.

Nolting –

1. Put the frontier first
2. Can get more efficiency without US participating in govt admin. ?

McGarr – AD-6 strikes
napalm
7th Flt photos

Col Bingham
Maj. Bentz
Col Chau
—
Maj. Peabody
Palace: 60442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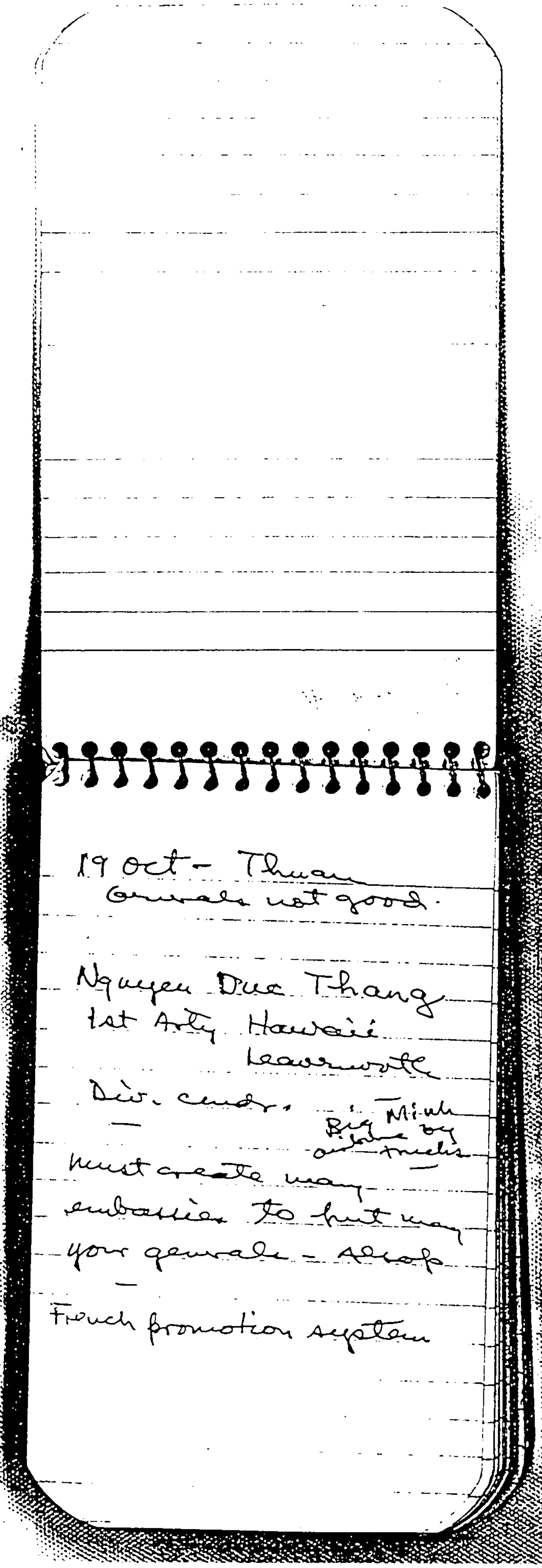


19 Oct - Thuan
Generals not good.

Nguyen Duc Thang
1st Arty Hawaii
Leavenworth
Div. cmdr.

Big Minh
[illegible] by
our trucks

Must create many
embassies to put many
your generals - Alsop

French promotion system

Social action
10,000 tons rice
BCI - beer
Milk
cigarettes - half price
—
bldg quarters more than 1,000 homes
one sawmill
₱2,000 for home minus roof
started with commando units
4,000 homes by April 62
—
if not sure about families
they don't fight
—
Director of Social Action
runs PX's also
Quan boarding school
with revenue from PX free

~~Du Truong~~

Troung Khue
Quan
—
Health | good
Economy | men
—
~~Dir~~ Gen Dir Admin +
Budget
fired 2 days ago.
Dir of Personnel - fired
QM - to be fired
Prov. chiefs too indep.
joint US-VN teams
to look into defense each
province. Propose corrections.
Talked to Nhu 2 days ago.
To NDD after Taylor leave

G-2
MSS — General La
NBI — gets means to work
liaison — Laos

not good man
follows French
system

Col Y is good.
His problem — where get
means.

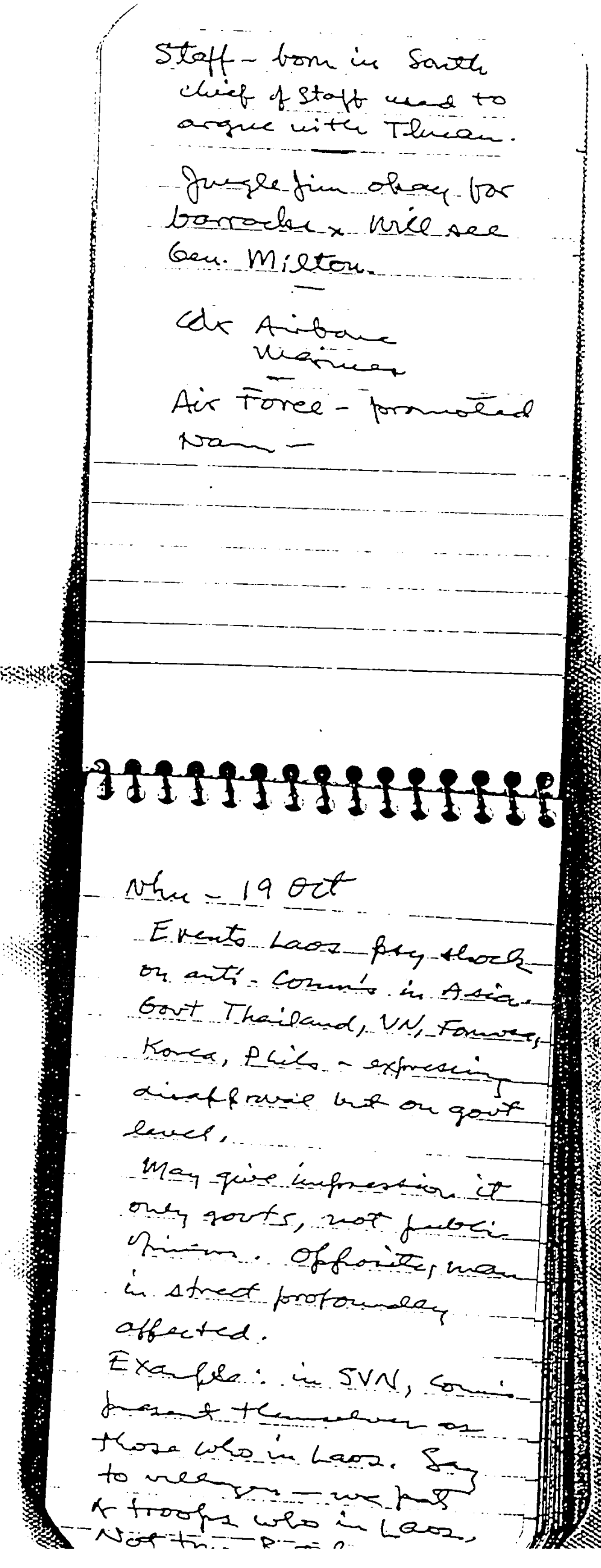
To Nhu courage truth
make Col Y head NBI
also.

NBI — talks nationalism,
against Ams / Brits

Am troops — symbolic
contingent. That
we don't do like in
Laos. (NDD in 2 days)

Nungs deserting.
No political
- sep from families
too long
- don't get enough eat
(pay too low)

Col Thang took over
2 days ago. Father
Hoa in office same
time. Asked him to
get deserters back. Also,
one of his officers there.
Arty capt who saved



Staff – born in South
chief of Staff used to
argue with Thuan.

Jungle Jim okay for
barracks × will see
Gen. Milton.

Cdr Airborne
Marines

Air Force – promoted
Nam –

Nhu – 19 Oct

Events Laos psy shock
on anti-Commis in Asia.
Govt Thailand, VN, Formosa,
Korea, Phils – expressing
disapproval but on govt
level,

May give impression it
only govts, not public
opinion. Opposite, man
in street profoundly
affected.

Example: in SVN, Commis
present themselves as
those who in Laos. Say
to villagers — we put
K troops who in Laos.
Not th

Feel this not understood
in West. Feel this looked
upon as gov'tl action to
blow up Lao sit.
To citizens, Laos means:

1. SEATO null
2. US is ready to
abandon all anti Comm

Therefore, they demoralized.
Works in accelerated
fashion to lower morale.
Biggest weak point of
US is lack psy. action
on world. No unity of
action, theme. It's not
primarily military or psy for
stakes in Laos.

Important point. People
know what US wants.

(July)
For example, in Rabat –
complete absence US propaganda,
When journalists asked Nhu
about neutralism / Belgrade,
You have shown us other
side world,
Free world & GVN working
in admin. fashion.
Doesn't create a movement
of opinion. Without this,
no quick action, GVN is
incapable creating great
movement – even tho'
doing many things –

western propaganda against comm. doesn't exist. Attacks in Western journalism ~~to make~~ put the West in the wrong.

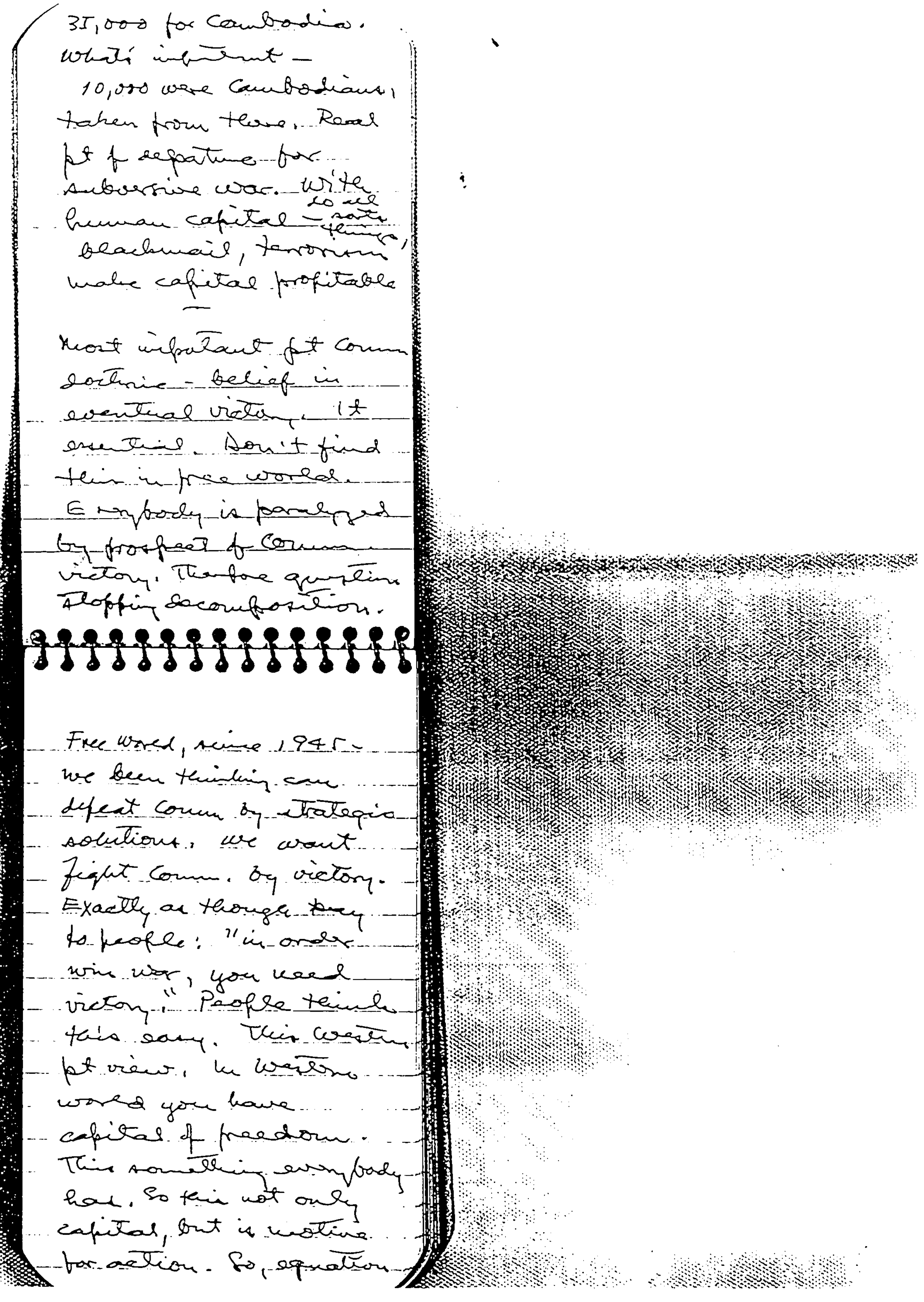
That's why we're waiting Taylor's visit - to create psy shock, here & in North. Very important from psy. standpoint.

Public opinion has it that Taylor's mission has power decision, which I realize is not true. That's why I think there should be something in communique about decisions.

Say - go back Wash. & then say ~~something~~ decision.
Something needs doing, not saying what just yet.

Thailand - indecisive
Everybody now afraid Communism.

Comm. tactical standpoint something important in SE Asia
Comm. after Geneva in 1954 - regrouped popul. towards North. 60,000 for Cochin china. 40,000 for Center & High Plateau

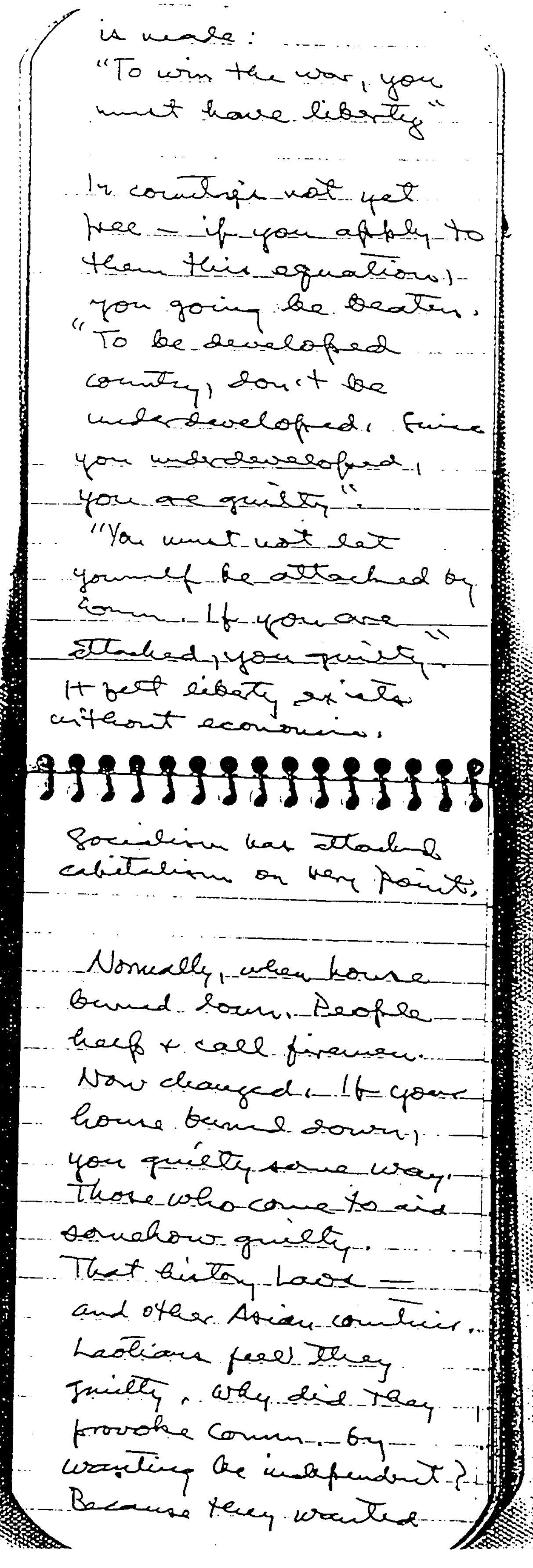


35,000 for Cambodia.
What's important –
10,000 were Cambodians,
taken from there. Real
pt of departure for
subversive war. With
human capital – so all sorts things,
blackmail, terrorism,
make capital profitable

—

Most important pt Comm
doctrine – belief in
eventual victory. It
essential. Don't find
this in free world.
Everybody is paralyzed
by prospect of Comm.
victory. Therefore question
stopping decomposition.

Free World, since 1945 –
we been thinking can
defeat Comm by strategic
solutions. We want
fight Comm. by victory.
Exactly as though ~~say~~
to people: "in order
win war, you need
victory." People think
this easy. This Western
pt view. In Western
world you have
capital of freedom.
This something everybody
has. So this not only
capital, but is motive
for action. So, equation



is made:
"To win the war, you
must have liberty"

In countries not yet
free – if you apply to
them this equation,
you going be beaten.
"To be developed
country, don't be
underdeveloped. Since
you underdeveloped,
you are guilty".
"You must not let
yourself be attacked by
Comm. If you are
attacked, you guilty".
It felt liberty exists
without economics.

Socialism has attacked
capitalism on every point.

Normally, when house
burned down. People
help & call firemen.
Now changed. If your
house burned down,
you guilty some way.
Those who come to aid
somehow guilty.
That history Laos —
and other Asian countries.
Laotians feel they
guilty. Why did they
provoke Comm. by
wanting be independent?
Because they wanted

charge our friends in
West freely, they
attacked by Comm.
Now said they
corrupt. Phoumi,
Boun Oum reactionaries
Souvanna Phouma, Kong
Le are pure.
Nobody says Souvanna
holds econ. resources
bank, airline belong
Souvanna Phouma.
Not single reporter in
free world talks about
that. Kong Le is pure
wool. Nobody says
he several wives, Chinese
concubine.

Same time, said
NDD, Phoumi, etc, are
corrupt. Why - they
attacked by Comm.

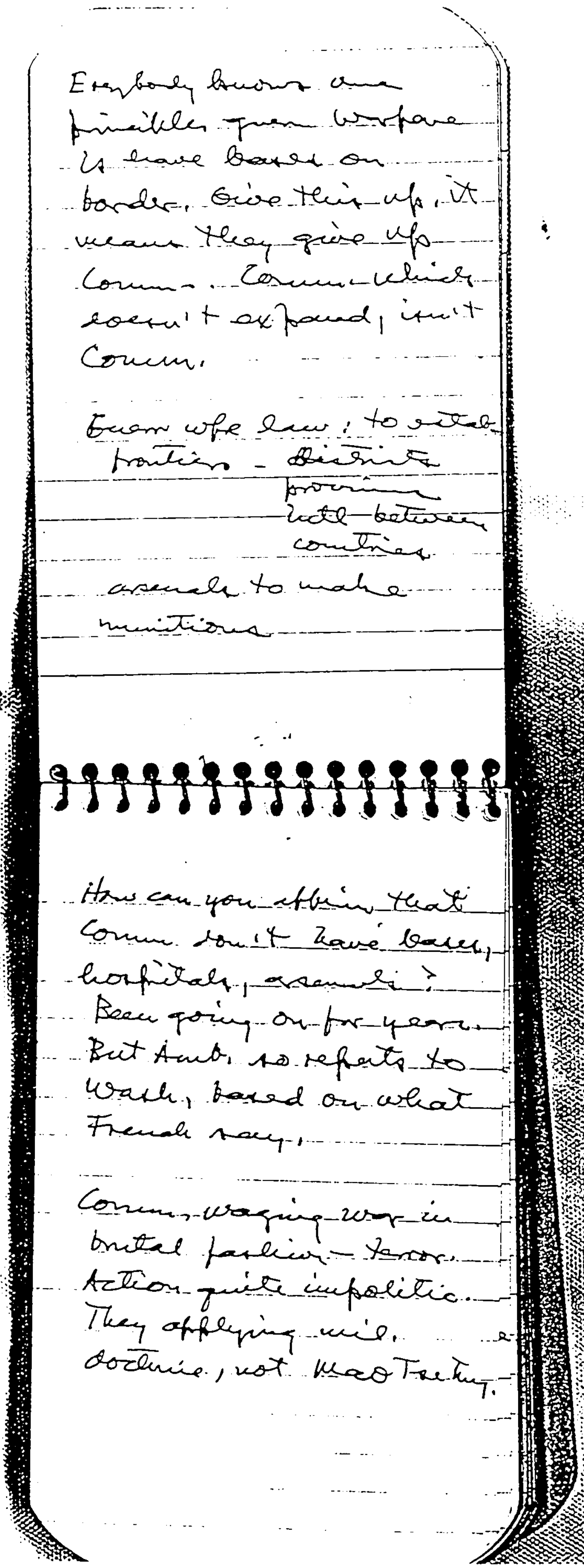
So, in some way, they
are guilty. Now,
looking for details
of guilt. Up until
now, Cambodia is
very fine. But, if it's
known Camb. can be
taken over in 48 hrs
by Comm. - not strong,
nothing to be counted on.

until 4-5 months ago,
Wash. had from Embassy
- no Comm. concentration
in Camb.

Amb. Asked for French mil.
attache opinion in Camb
(how we know this).
Am Amb. following advice
Am experts / Fr experts
no concentration Comm.
maquis.
Report that there are
armed Comm in Camb
is VN origin (report said
this VN invention - in
order obtain increase
Am aid).

we asked Am's to air photograph
the area (frontier Camb).
Nhu asked Am authorities
do so Wash. be correctly
informed. We have little
to take photos. It
fantastic, as far as mil.
camps go. Am's better
off for taking air reconn
than we are.
This is kind false
info. which doesn't
inform Wash properly. T.

In order to give report
no Comm in Camb - have
believe Comm given up
guerilla



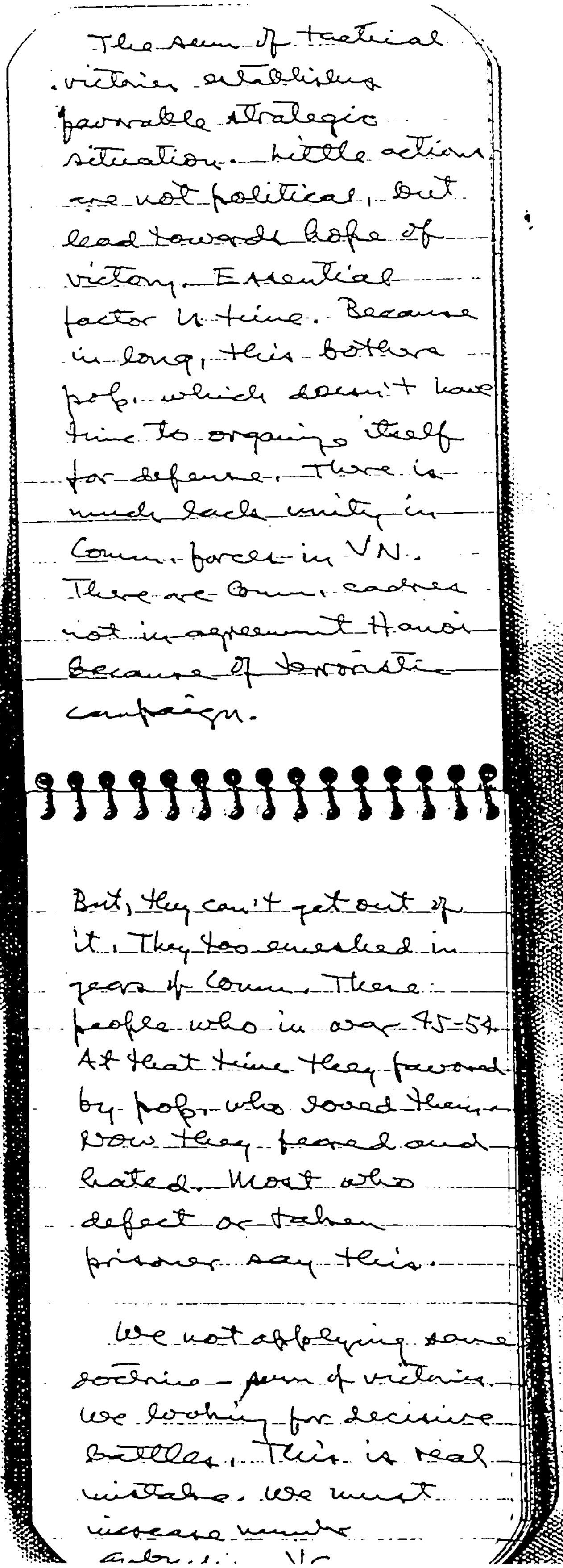
Everybody knows one principle guer warfare is have bases on border. Give this up, it means they give up Comm. Comm which doesn't expand, isn't Comm.

Guer wfe law: to estab. frontiers – districts
provinces
intl between countries

arsenals to make munitions

How can you affirm that Comm don't have bases, hospitals, arsenals? Been going on for years. But Amb. so reports to Wash, based on what French say.

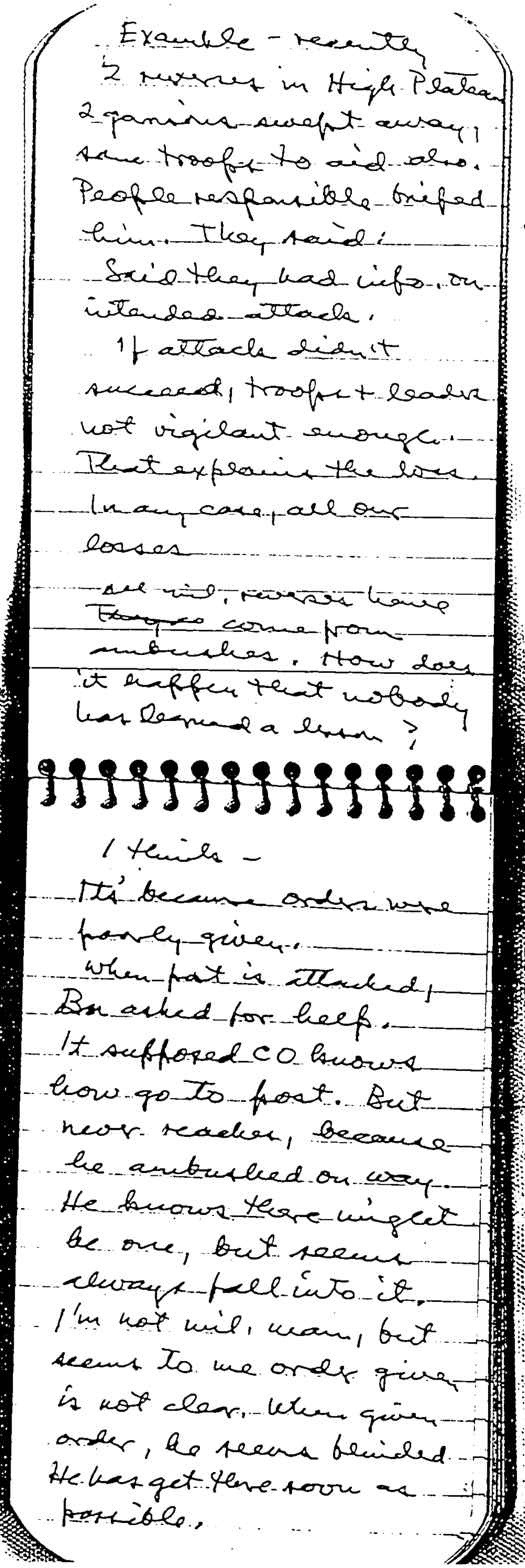
Comm waging war in brutal fashion – terror. Action quite impolitic. They applying mil. doctrine, not Mao Tse-tung.



The sum of tactical
victories establishes
favorable strategic
situation. Little actions
are not political, but
lead towards hope of
victory. Essential
factor is time. Because
in long, this bothers
pop. which doesn't have
time to organize itself
for defense. There is
much lack unity in
Comm. forces in VN.
There are Comm. cadres
not in agreement Hanoi
Because of terroristic
campaign.

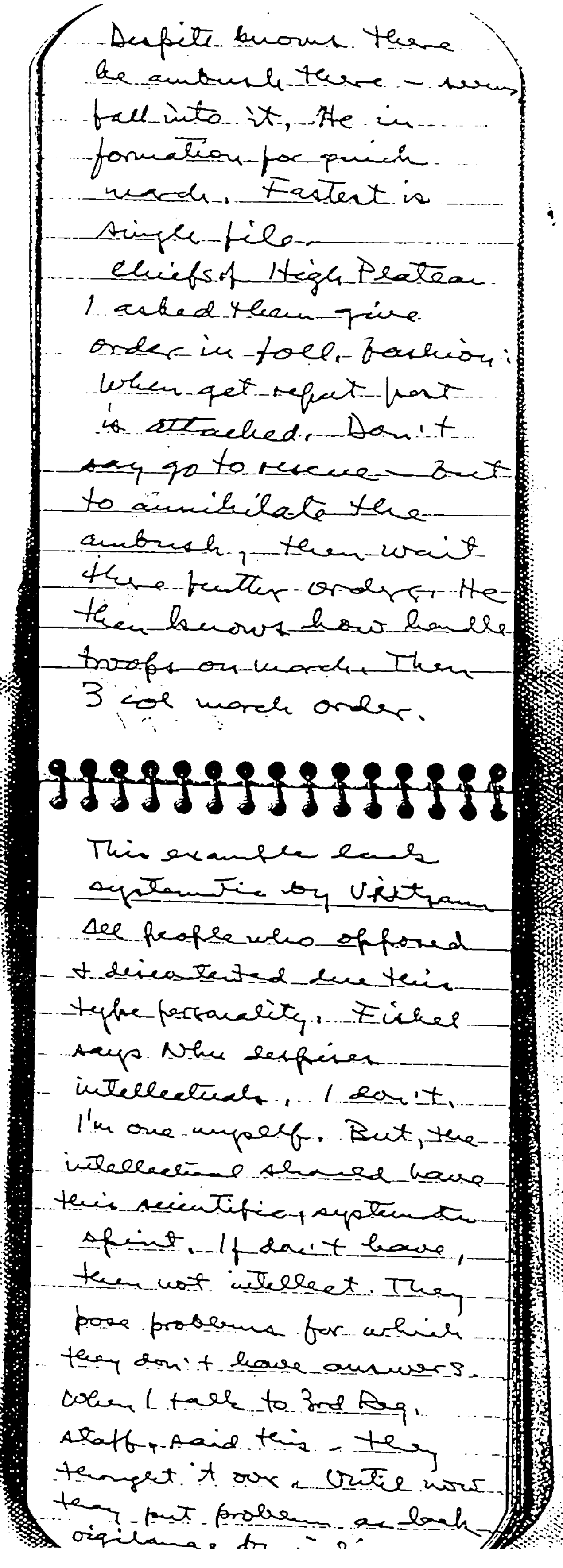
But, they can't get out of
it. They too enmeshed in
years of Comm. There
people who in war 45-54.
At that time they favored
by pop. who loved them.
Now they feared and
hated. Most who
defect or taken
prisoner say this.

We not applying same
doctrine – sum of victories.
We looking for decisive
battles. This is real
mistake. We must
increase number



Example - recently
2 reverses in High Plateau
2 garrisons swept away,
some troops to aid also.
People responsible briefed
him. They said:
Said they had info. on
intended attack.
If attack didn't
succeed, troops + leaders
not vigilant enough.
That explains the loss.
In any case, all our
losses
all mil. reverses have
[illegible] come from
ambushes. How does
it happen that nobody
has learned a lesson?

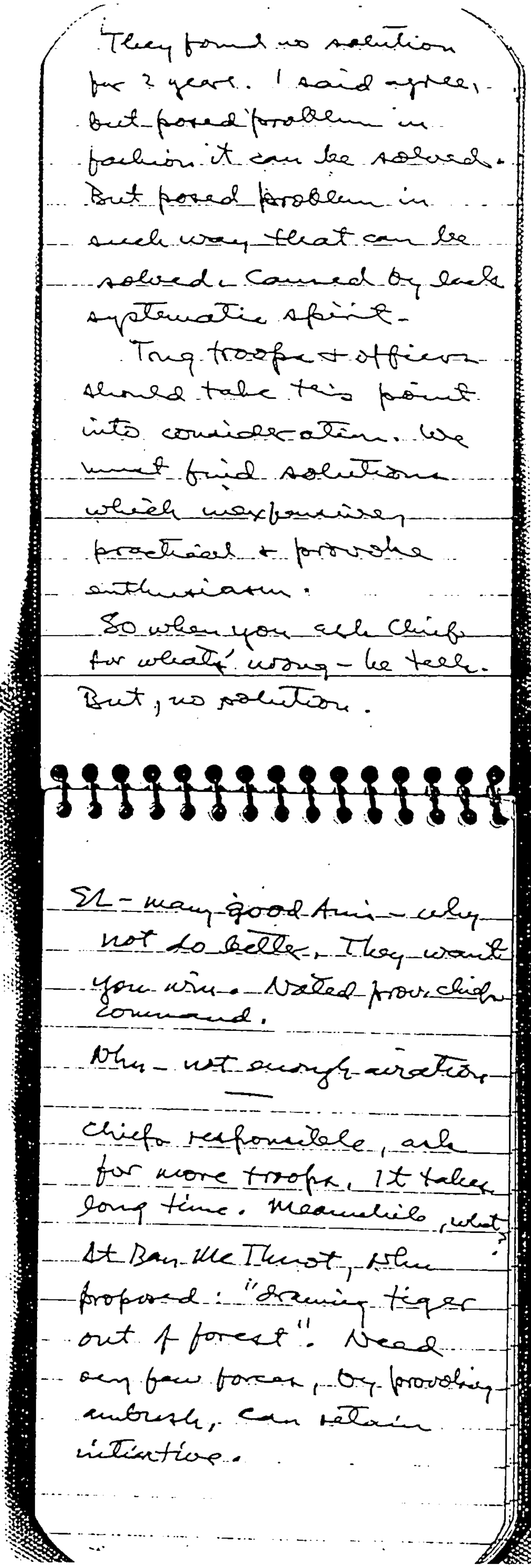
I think -
It's because orders were
poorly given.
When post is attacked,
Bn asked for help.
It supposed CO knows
how go to post. But
never reaches, because
he ambushed on way.
He knows there might
be one, but seems
always fall into it.
I'm not mil. man, but
seems to me order given
is not clear. When given
order, he seems blinded.
He has get there soon as
possible.



Despite known there be ambush there — seem fall into it. He in formation for quick march. Fastest is single file.

Chiefs of High Plateau I asked them give order in foll. fashion: When get report post is attacked. Don't say go to rescue — but to annihilate the ambush, then wait there further orders. He then knows how handle troops on march. Then 3 col march order.

This example lacks systematic by Vietnam All people who opposed & discontented due this type personality. Fishel says Nhu despises intellectuals. I don't. I'm one myself. But, the intellectual should have this scientific, systematic spirit. If don't have, then not intellect. They pose problems for which they don't have answers. When I talk to 3rd Reg. staff, said this — they thought it over. Until now they put problem as lack vigilance.



They found no solution for 2 years. I said agree, but posed problem in fashion it can be solved. But posed problem in such way that can be solved. Caused by lack systematic spirit.

Tung troops + officers should take this point into consideration. We must find solutions which maximize practical + provoke enthusiasm.

So when you ask Chief for what's wrong - he tell. But, no solution.

EL - many good Ami - why not do better. They want you win. Noted prov. chief command.

Nhu - not enough aviation.

Chiefs responsible, ask for more troops. It takes long time. Meanwhile, what?

At Ban Me Thuot, Nhu proposed: "drawing tiger out of forest". Need any few forces, by providing ambush, can retain initiative.

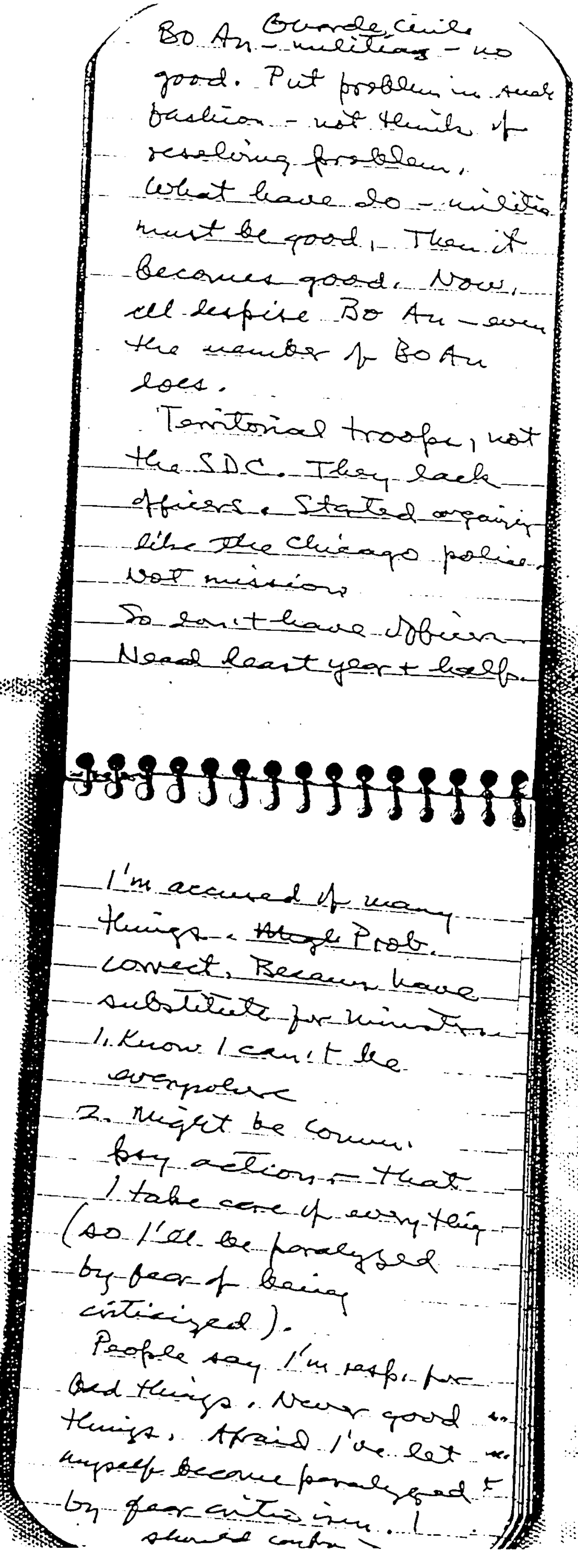
How about ?
CIO – we got plenty info.
Mil. always say, we don't have info – to excuse inaction.
We need org. But, present system, we do get exploitable info.

in process. Colby says outlook hopeful. We lack strategic info.

SL – How about criticism you – CIO one reason. Not Colby. No strong action, taking too long, we want you to win.

People put problem in wrong way. Cadres a higher level not trained properly intell. Since we didn't have cadres, asked Am's to train. Am's trained lower-level cadres. Large number. Not the chiefs, though. 3-4 mos ago asked Colby train higher cadres. But, don't have chiefs to direct, Am's promised do this. French directed everything from top down.

This is example of accusing underdeveloped country being underdeveloped.



Bo An - Garde civile - militias - no good. Put problem in such fashion - not think of resolving problem.

What have do - militia must be good. Then it becomes good. Now, all despise Bo An - even the member of Bo An does.

Territorial troops, not the SDC. They lack officers. Started organiz like the Chicago police. Not mission

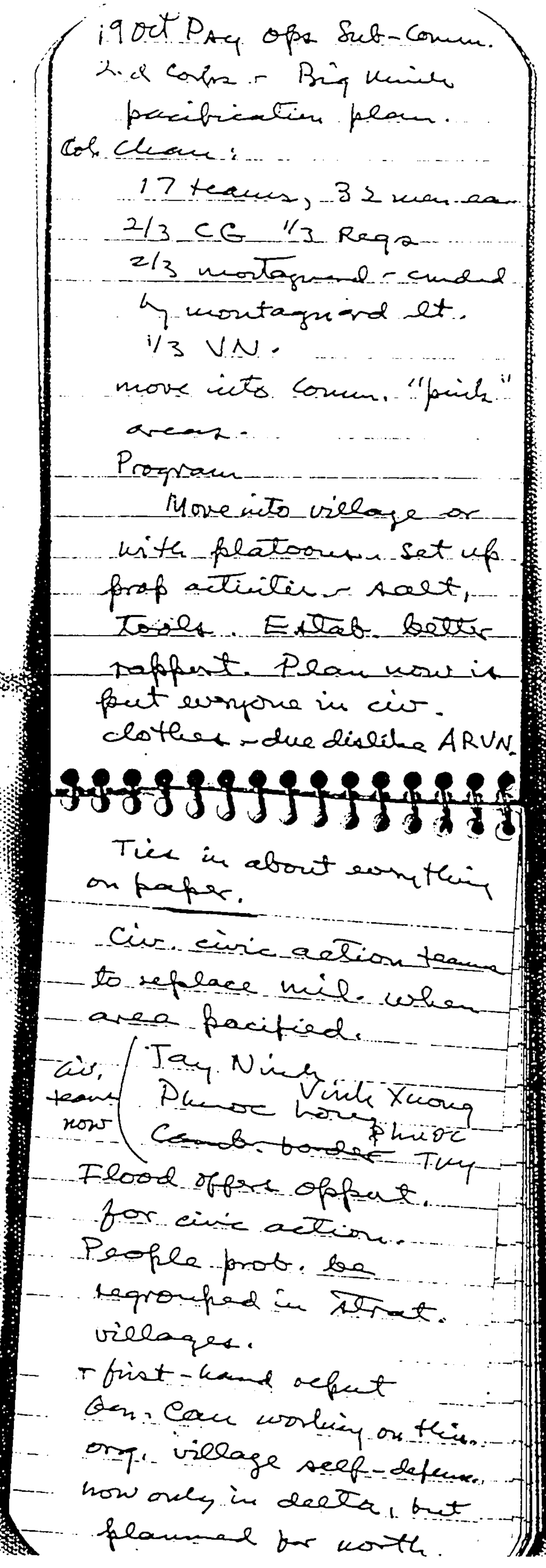
So don't have officers. Need least year + half.

I'm accused of many things. ~~[illegible]~~ Prob. correct. Because have substitute for ministers.

1. Know I can't be omnipotent
2. Might be comm. by actions - that I take care of everything

(so I'll be paralyzed by fear of being criticized).

People say I'm resp. for bad things. Never good things. Afraid I've let myself become paralyzed by fear criticism. I should confr



19 Oct Pac. Ops Sub-Comm.
2 d Corps - Big units
pacification plan.
Col. Chan:
17 teams, 32 men ea.
2/3 CG 1/3 Regs
2/3 montagnard - cmded
by montagnard lt.
1/3 VN.
move into Comm. "pink"
areas.
Program
Move into village or
with platoons. Set up
prop activities - salt,
tools. Estab. better
rapport. Plan now is
put everyone in civ.
clothes - due dislike ARVN.

Ties in about everything
on paper.

Civ. civic action teams
to replace mil. when
area pacified.

civ. teams now
Tay Ninh
Phuoc Long Vinh Xuong
~~Camb. border~~ Phuoc Tuy

Flood offers opport.
for civic action.
People prob. be
regrouped in strat.
villages.
+ first-hand report
Gen. Cao working on this.
org. village self-defense.
now only in delta, but
planned for north.

Youth
Health
Agric Credit
Info Sp.
~~Doc~~
Directory General Info.
244 - district hqs
typewriter
radio
Tape recorder
mimeo.
put out daily bulletin

use tape over village
p.a. system.

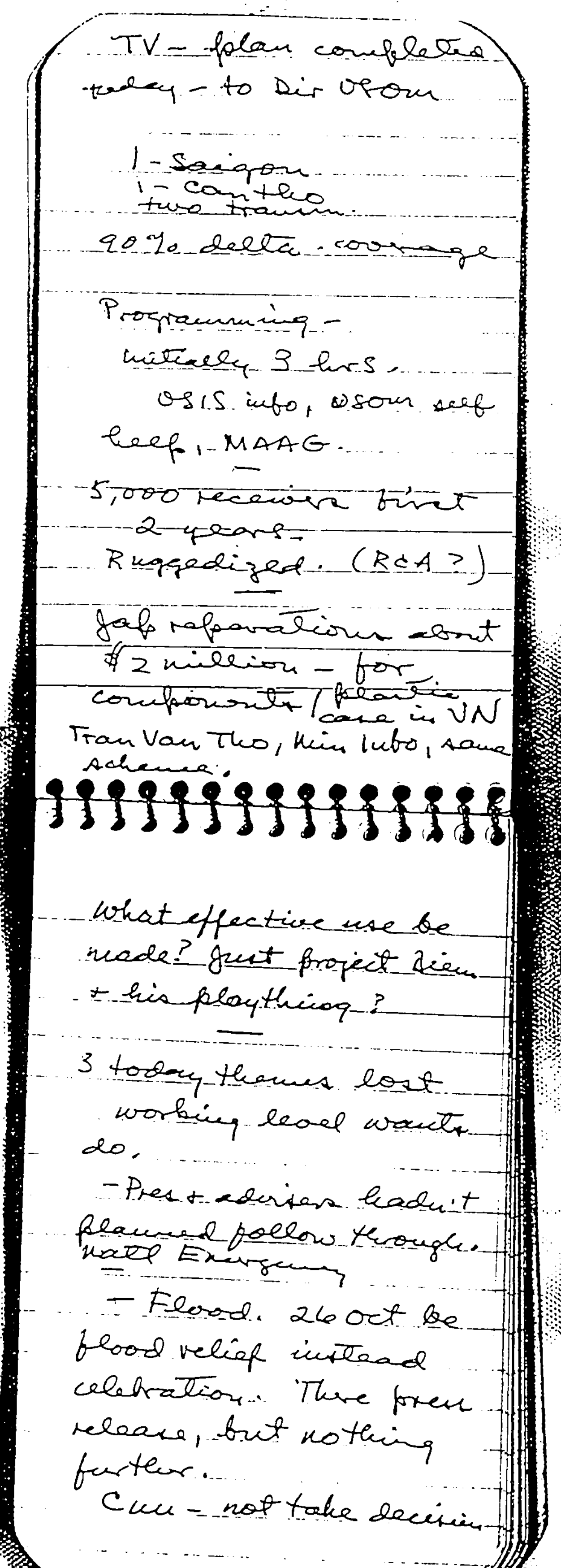
Recomm. about 100
be estab.
(Ansp - GVN mobile units
not moving) Repeat 20
days worth

Thinking hand batteries
due maint. problem.

200 receivers / speakers.
can dial.

Themes / programs
50 hrs week - from USIS
news / feature programs
about Free World, anti-
Comm. etc.

VN News
- ~~not~~ no mention Taylor
- no mention flood
- no mention Col Cam



TV - plan completed
today - to Dir USOM

1 - Saigon
1 - Cantho
two transm.
90% delta coverage

Programming -
initially 3 hrs.
USIS info, USOM self
help, MAAG.

5,000 receivers first
2 years.
Ruggedized. (RCA?)

Jap reparations about
$2 million - for
components / plastic case in VN
Tran Van Tho, Kim Lubo, same
scheme.

What effective use be
made? Just project Diem
+ his plaything?

3 today themes lost
working level wants
do.
- Pres + advisers hadn't
planned follow through.
Natl Emergency
- Flood. 26 Oct be
flood relief instead
celebration. There press
release, but nothing
further.
Cun - not take decision

Maj. Niou - dir of radio
not so good technically.
(see Anspacher)
Personnel - advisors
1 - Presidency
1 - Vietnam Press
1 - Radio sta.
1 - motion picture

Vt. NVN
Hue tower down.
Hongkong crew in to
rebuild. Flooded.
leeches. couldn't wk.
20 kw.
Hanoi 135 kw
Saigon to be 50 kw,
govt hasn't purchased
land yet, having difficulties

- V.N. want put up
loudspeaker systems
along demarc. line
(same as off-shore
islands, Korea)
Not good.

4,000 plus info. centers
Beaty - about 1,000
villages where too
insecure.

On TV -
1. Engineering survey 2
mos test
2. 2 mos later on
air.
Within those 4 mos.
at least 3 hours daily
on air - with US programs

asking for airlift
C-124 – 4 loads
~~and~~ 2 towers
transmitter
200-300 receivers

—

need waiver on usual
contract procedures –
~~Not too~~ could directly
contract with folks now
on spot. Mich. State
TV + Radio director ~~be~~
~~able to~~ is very interested.

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Increase

—

Robert Lawrence
USOM – info.
good

Bentz – pol. officers
Dep Dir GPD

Senior Psywar O's
Staff course
105 reliable politically
1 Col, 15 Lt-Col – rest
majors + capts.
some psywar – but
mostly political –
Commism, personalism,
how convince people
5 from GPD, rest chau's
class grad. last week
NDD attended, McGarr,
Nolting attended

Dep C/S - Psywar
company to joint
General Staff
Deputy CO of company.
Psywar
Troop info
Civic Action
IG inspections
Chan says no by-passing
of command channels.

Class grads to
staff
Same symbol almost
for insignia as on
Taiwan.

Col Jones
- montagnards be armed
- proud of French uniforms.
- but not given weapons
—

memo on examples
—

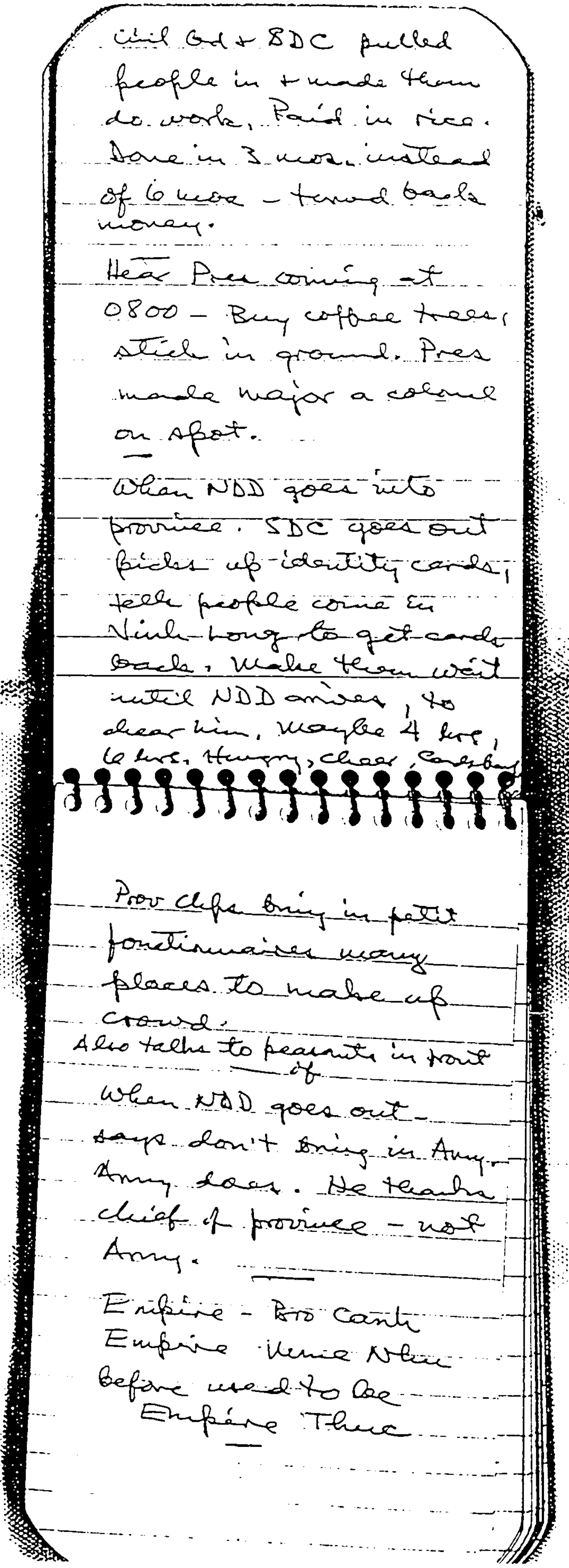
Col Chau
Nguyen-van-Chau
- No equipment for psywar officers in Bn.
- Old stuff I left behind is worn out.
- CDTC testing speaking. Commercial type loud speaker. Turned to G-5 ARVN,
- VN counterpart CDTC says has make out requirements for test.

Number of people who dare tell truth to Pres are very few.

Am's should have people who can talk to NDD as friends — not dictate or distant. For 18 mos. been trying see Pres + tell him real situation. Pres got mad, said intoxicated by VC. Has report — but like grain sand in Pacific.

morale low, cliques in army, favoritism.

5,000 deserters in SW agrovilles - GVN plan for 6 mos. - min Agrarian Reform Puts up funds — functionnaire gets people cht Prov. to.



Civil Gd + SDC pulled people in + made them do work, Paid in rice. Done in 3 mos. instead of 6 mos – turned back money.

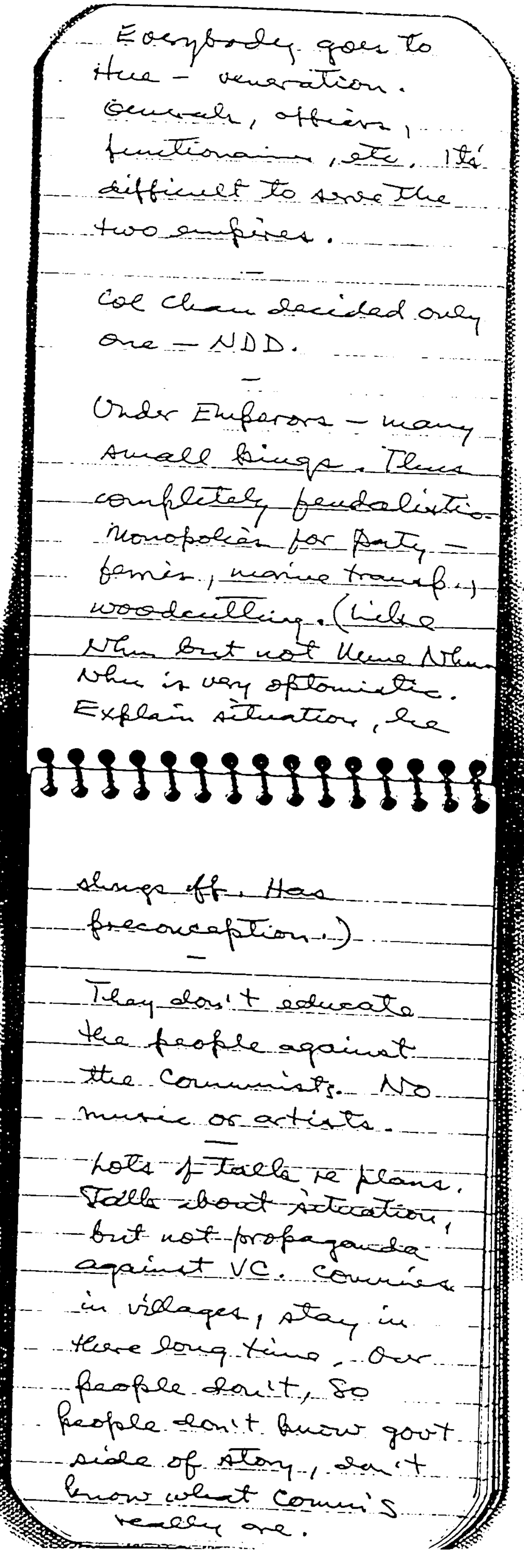
Hear Pres coming at 0800 – Buy coffee trees, stick in ground. Pres made major a colonel on spot.

When NDD goes into province. SDC goes out picks up identity cards, tells people come to Vinh Long to get cards back. Make them wait until NDD arrives, to cheer him, maybe 4 hrs, 6 hrs. Hungry, cheer, Cardsba

Prov chfs bring in petit fonctionnaires many places to make up crowd.
Also talks to peasants in front of

When NDD goes out – says don't bring in Army. Army does. He thanks chief of province – not Army.

Empire – Bro Canh
Empire Mme Nhu
before used to be
Empire Thuc



Everybody goes to Hue - veneration. Generals, officers, functionaires, etc. It's difficult to serve the two empires.

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Col Chau decided only one — NDD.

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Under Emperors — many small kings. Thus completely feudalistic. Monopolies for party — ferries, marine transp., woodcutting. (Like Nhu but not Mme Nhu. Nhu is very optomistic. Explain situation, he shrugs off. Has preconception.)

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They don't educate the people against the Communists. No music or artists.

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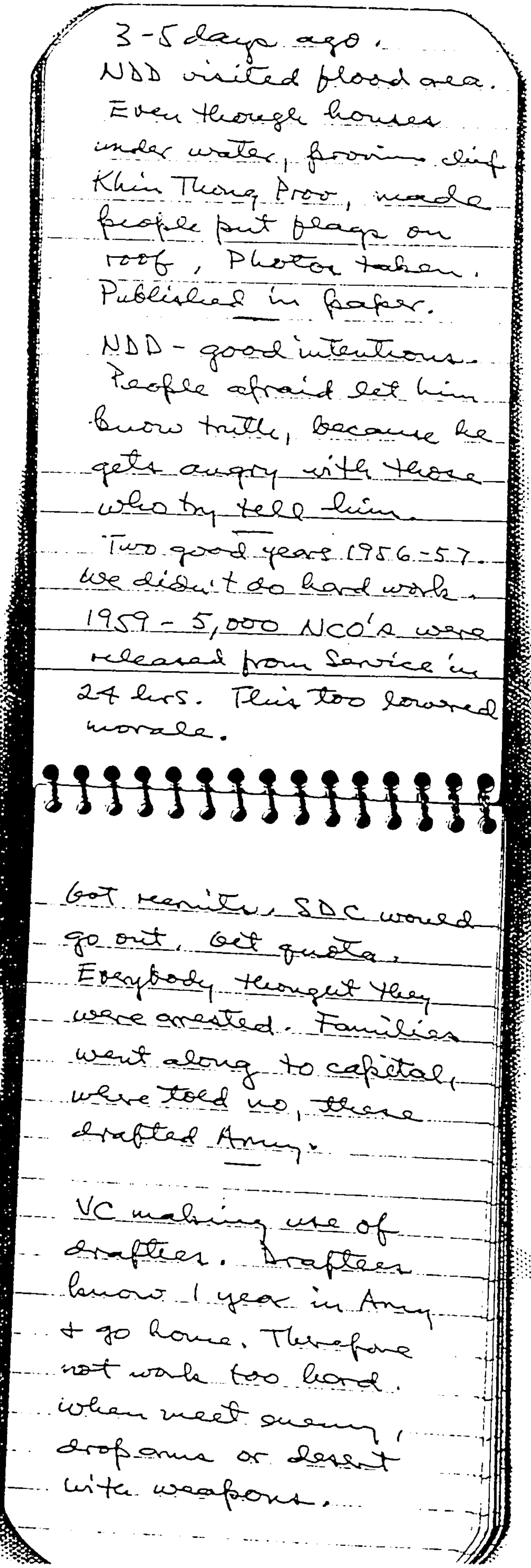
Lots of talk re plans. Talk about situation, but not propaganda against VC. Commies in villages, stay in there long time. Our people don't, so people don't know govt side of story, don't know what Commi's really are.



3-5 days ago.
NDD visited flood area.
Even though houses
under water, province chief
Khin Thong Proo, made
people put flags on
roof, Photos taken.
Published in paper.

NDD - good intentions.
People afraid let him
know truth, because he
gets angry with those
who try tell him.

Two good years 1956-57.
We didn't do hard work.
1959 - 5,000 NCO's were
released from Service in
24 hrs. This too lowered
morale.

Got recruits. SDC would
go out, get quota.
Everybody thought they
were arrested. Families
went along to capital,
where told no, these
drafted Army.

VC making use of
draftees. Draftees
know 1 year in Army
+ go home. Therefore
not work too hard.
When meet enemy,
drop arms or desert
with weapons.

Movement of ~~[illegible]~~ social solidarity of women.
Mme Nhu | nothing social about it.

Women of high civil servants, who work for benefit of husbands. Good clothes, cars. ~~Make Chfs of province organize~~. when husband found guilty corruption or embezzlement — can see Mme Nhu and go free.

if somebody else starts social group gets stopped. Col. Chau stated ~~party~~ social operation — social group to visit wounded soldiers. ~~Mme Nhu~~ Invited representatives political parties, ~~sects~~. Mme Nhu said no, all social initiative under her.

Republican Youth — go from house to house, make people buy uniforms from monopoly. Bien Hoa, Camau — Way

Since Korea, everybody talks comp

Make them pay ₱500 for trng. Every day have to drill. Up to age 55. Pregnant women, etc, ~~for~~

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1. Free Assembly to criticize.
~~2.~~ Give open plan to Assembly.

2. Pres. must open door for regional leaders, pol. leaders — to listen to their suggestions. (To appease)

3. In each province, NDD must create provincial council committees, who represent people.

4. NDD have special staff to make long-range plans. He should listen to them. He alone — not real staff.

5. Give to Minister responsibility, authority. (He has no right to choose his own Chief in Cabinet).

6. One National
School for all high
cadres - to inform
them about Comm's -
the men commanding,
mil + civ.

national policy, give
them all same ideas
7. Pol. parties to
freely exist. Authorize
them. (Now Dai Viets
are immed. opposed).
(Committee for
Pol. ~~Solido~~ Unification.
Nhu said no. Quat,
Sung, etc.
Open conference. How
keep govt against
Comm. ~~[illegible]~~ Open
assembly - get Min
Finance to explain.
Min Interior won't
answer.

8. Free press, Criticism.
Give true info. to people.
Incl. crit Army as
necessary.

9. Mil. action - from
here until end of year.
Zone D must attack
us, to keep our troops
tied up. This permit
action on High Plateau.

Mil Action:

1. Reg troops, civil guard – org small team for civic action. No more people – VC has people. High Plateau area plan, 5 provinces.

2. If VC don't org big attack. Troops occupy strat. points, then train Spl Forces units, platoons, compys – then send them into nth – operate in zone, but no posts. Some times in Comm. units, in own uniform. When Comm. not strong, attack.

When equal – in VC uniform – make people wonder why VC fight each other.

Patrol actions all time. When in VN uniform, do good. When in VC uniform do bad. This same as VC do in West now.

I want US Army in VN. To answer to my wife that America doesn't only speak, but also acts against Comm's.

if have Am. troops here - can organize + train troops he outlined.

VC say Am. imperialism - if Am troops come, maybe VC propaganda make hay. Am. troop don't come before loud-speaker - so can get people back on our side. Has to be greater emphasis on civic action + on psy war. All emphasis on tactical units.

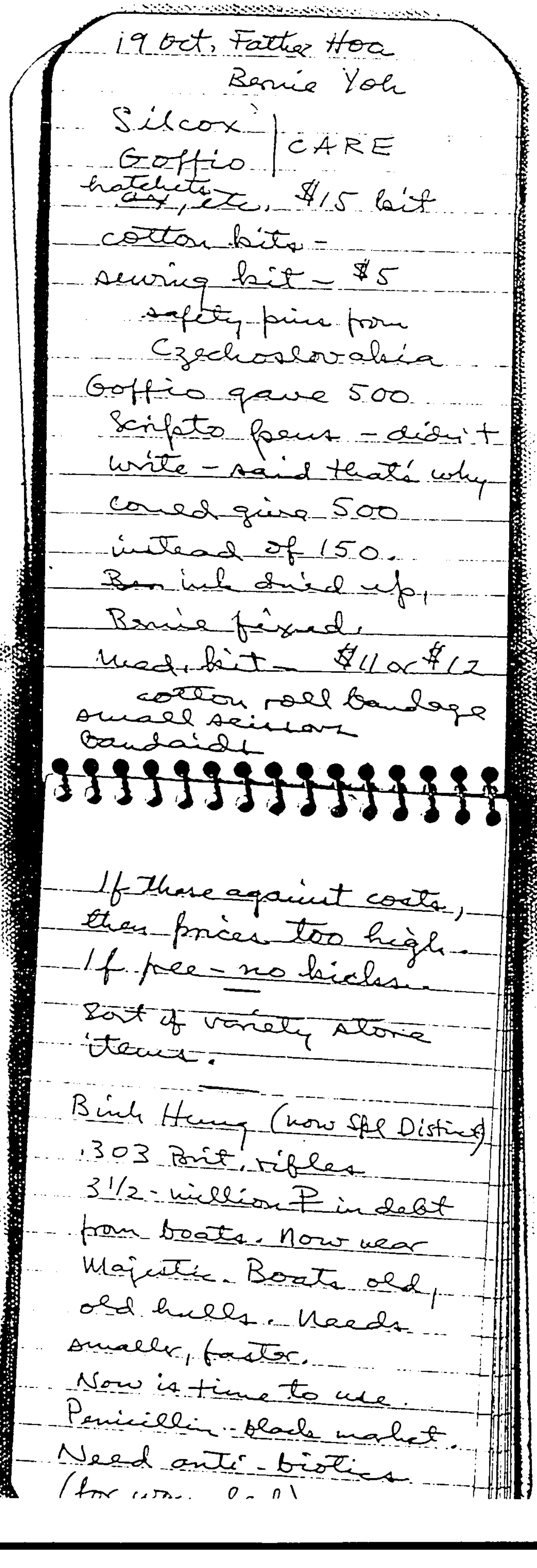
500-800 people pulled out in 2nd Corps from tactical units.

1. Help org. intell. from people.
2. Soldiers family welfare - Families miserable.
3. Civic action, prop. and material.

- need loud-speakers
- aircraft w. loudspeaker
- presses need. Be year before get them, unless can get from Ft Bragg + replace there

two Davidson presses
8 months –
don't have
materials to operate.
Cannot get through
MAP channels until
exhaust ways of
doing thru ARVN.
Now seeing what can
do through Gregory.

Eastern Construction Co.
125 only. VN
185
121
79
34
419 Laos
Work under USAF
contract, there at
request of Laos.
Permits promotions
(incentive extra 25 a
month when learn Lao).
Top people in technical
services resent. Any
there friction. But not
down on working level.
Cannot fire or



19 Oct, Father Hoa
Bernie Yoh
Silcox | CARE
Goffio |
hatchets ~~ax~~, etc. $15 kit
cotton kits -
sewing kit - $5
safety pins from
Czechoslovakia
Goffio gave 500
Scripto pens - didn't
write - said that's why
could give 500
instead of 150.
~~Ben~~ ink dried up,
Bernie fixed.
Med. kit - $11 or $12
cotton roll bandage
small scissors
bandaids

If these against costs,
then prices too high.
If free - no kicks.

Sort of variety store
items.

Binh Hung (now Spl District)
.303 Brit. rifles
3 1/2 - million P in debt
from boats. Now near
Majestic. Boats old,
old hulls. Needs
smaller, faster.
Now is time to use.
Penicillin - black market.
Need anti-biotics.
(for

VC cut off Binh Hung.
Got rice by air drop,
as symbol.
French automatic –
9 mm, out of ammo
so had to turn back
to govt.
more night fighting
coming up. Need
auto weapons – rapid
fire – grenades.
One operation, his men
out for 40 days.

Otis – at Caravelle,
spending lots money,
big talker, flashy.
Loud-mouth.
Ngo Trung ~~Heu~~ Hieu
Ngo Trung Heu (Heu)
Secy of State for Civic
Action.
plays with women,
out on town. Friend
of Thuan's. Gave
party for Kiraly

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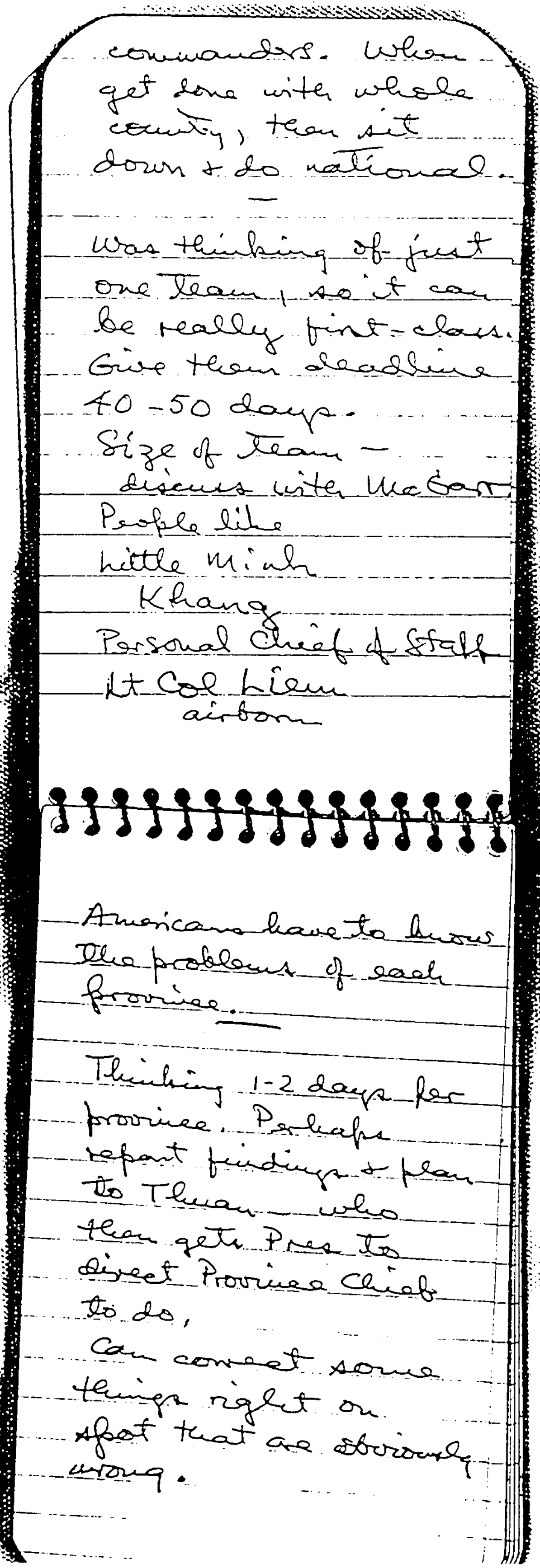
Some troops not getting
paid. Cdrs can take
money, use it to loan
out at hig[illegible]

Nhu - Thuan - Truyen.
Truyen's men shake
down Chinese merchants
Cholon.
Col Tung. Men trained
Spying before went N.
He said they been
trained, that's why
they used.

Thuan - 20 Oct

Joint Board - VN - US
go to each of 39
provinces. How do
defense? How are
troops being used?
What are the specific
objectives? How do
they propose to
accomplish mission?

This should lead to
reducing some of the
static defense not
really needed. Maybe
relieve so



commanders. When
get done with whole
country, then sit
down + do national.

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Was thinking of just
one team, so it can
be really first-class.
Give them deadline
40-50 days.
Size of team —
discuss with McGarr.
People like
Little Minh
Khang
Personal Chief of Staff
Lt Col Liem
airborn

Americans have to know
the problems of each
province.

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Thinking 1-2 days per
province. Perhaps
report findings + plan
to Thuan who
then gets Pres to
direct Province Chief
to do,
Can correct some
things right on
spot that are obviously
wrong.

Team then would check later. Make sure of compliance.

Chain of command - ask McGarr. Generals still haven't come up with plan.

Kien Hoa province chief. Only used 2 ranger companies. Was stronghold VC, McGarr asked him about intell. Said used people + own agents to gather info. Why not use military? Said pass to mil. Tau

McGarr said info has to pass from division down to unit. McGarr said want point out you don't get mil. intell. *from* civilians.

Thoi - Asst to
Thuan
Director of Cabinet

Colby 21 Oct
Cland. Action Service
1st Obs Corps
77th Tactics Brigade
3,000 – may ⅓ of acty
Laos, NVN – covert
SVN – irregular
14 man recon team intell
Infil phase
40 – 14 Cland. Infil Teams
40 – Sections – heavy weapons
6 man section

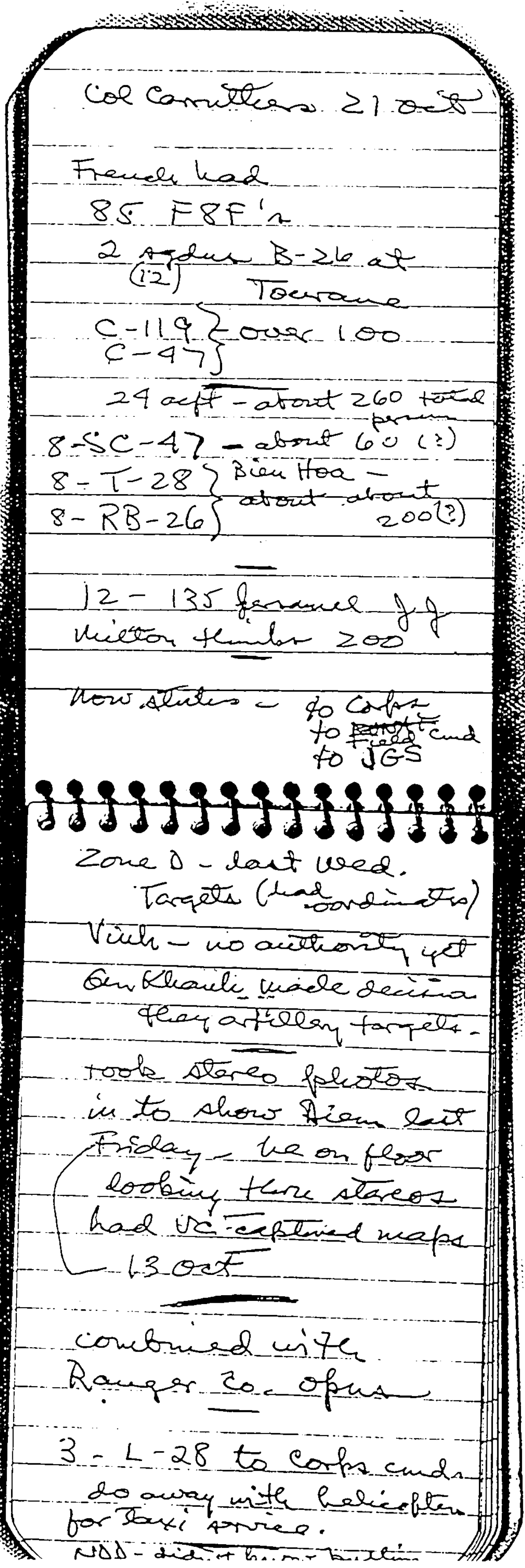
Action Unit
10 units – 133 man
Elem. CW Radio Ops
Section – PP types

Basic trng
1. Small unit tactics
2. Basic clandest.
3. Advanced trng. (better people after assessment)
4. Those not for advance, go to fill in units.

Tay Ninh
Binh Duong
Phuoc Tuy

Here – Civic Action
– Rural Recon. Teams 72 teams now, 3 prov.
– Hamlet def & civic action
stay in village about

Camb – Montagnard
Service
– Intell
– ~~Hunter~~ Action
20 each district, in 5 prov.



Col Carruthers 21 Oct

French had
85 F8F's
2 sqdns B-26 at
(12) Tourane
C-119 } over 100
C-47 }
24 acft - about 260 total person
8-SC-47 - about 60 (?)
8-T-28 } Bien Hoa -
8-RB-26 } ~~about~~ about 200(?)

12 - 135 personnel J.J.
Milton thinks 200

Now states - to Corps
to ~~Range~~ Field cmd
to JGS

Zone D - last Wed.
Targets (had coordinates)
Vinh - no authority yet
Gen Khanh made decision
they artillery targets.

took stereo photos
in to show Diem last
Friday - he on floor
looking thru stereos
had VC-captured maps
13 Oct

combined with
Ranger Co. opns

3 - L-28 to Corps cmds
do away with helicopter
for taxi service.
NDD - didn't have bulletin

Godel - 21 Oct
$2-million | ↓ 20 days to harvest -
manioc/rice killer
High Plateau
- not cost acft + spray
tanks in acft.
Zone D - strip def.
about $3-million

Border control
Plan reworked w ARVN
about $6-million
not counting kibbutz
dogs, etc.
500 napalm bombs in
country -
4,000 AR-15 message
NDD asked/ Nolting appr.
psy boost.

Lazy Dog - AF
Tchepone targets

de Jaegher - 1,000 men
Tay Ninh units
6 days - travel at
night
People knew - but
afraid tell Army, who give hard time
Phuoc Tanh
to cope with
Zone D
Knew Rangers had
gone out,
Fishing village near
Long Hai - walk to NDD,
Afraid tell Army Poor people
[illegible]

US force - token so it
symbolic / psych.
Not too large, or VN
would want us to do
fight for them.
if larger US force, then
common people say they
like French. not Am's
save us from Comm.
Chiang - 200 veterans
NDD reluctant -
difficult - US
NDD losing confidence.
Still working hard.
But discouraged by
corruption, lack of
follow-through.

Common people - Am's
do fighting for ~~them~~ us,
like French - go back to living peacefully.
Comm's - "Mi-Diem"

~~B Yuen~~
Bernie Yoh -
Father Yuan, Yuen.

23 Oct. Anspacher
– has 12 USIS teams
of VN for provinces. Could
make these Am's – and
up to about 25. Have
to be without dependents.
Would be welcomed by
provincial officials. At
present GVN teams
are all that allowed
operate.

23 Oct | Taylor
Rostow

I Frontier Force = Army
Flood =

Jor

Thuan – 23 Oct
Flood – Engineers – for recruiting
Stake-tack Air-boats
helicopter
to protect Am's – Troops
there.
Chinese – to train
CG & Village Militia
Chiang said okay

to Diem –
Symington – ask US for
1 division of Marines
stay tougher, aren't using
Marines for Berlin. [illegible]

Frontier Force
Don not fighting man.
fight bet Colby + McGarr
about drawing people for
for Route 12 + Route 9.
two main routes VC supply

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[[redacted]] because
we don't have enough
money in mil. budget
Command structure
Thuan favors separating
intell. from action force.
Cdr 22nd Div Nguyen
lot of guts Bao Tri
fighting man
Cabinet Min's
Health
For Affairs } all good
Rural Affairs
Economy

Educ. - fairly good
Civic Action - funny guy
pleasant. His asst
is good, not him
Info - no good, going
to change him.
Surete - no good.
Going to change
Ty - figurehead
Minh - always complains
Doesn't do things.
Plans - not make
complete ones
Little Minh - intelligent
very smart. Hard to
understand.
Khang - very good
in conventional warfare
When Field Cdr Hla.

At Hqrs - don't walk
very close
Thuan sees McGarr
frequently,
JGS - good - as playboys
Gen Tom - good bn cdr but
not good general
Gen Dinh - zero; no good
Nemn - 3rd Corps - gets
old division, has a few
tricks - don't like
Kim - good staff
no generals of imag.;
courage enough for
unconventional warfare.

3 coming men -
airborne cdr
marine cdr
Col Thanh
CO of 1st Div - not bad
at all
going change CO of
2nd Div
Other Div cdrs are
all right, except
with Bao Tri but
not too experienced
Col Khiem, CO 21st Div
good, but a little lazy
Not truly partisan of
offence, he likes
fortifications

Kien Hoa - Father Tao
not make CO of Div,
because no requl. army
background. Army officers
don't like.

Khang likes spectacular
things - show case
Future -
Thang - ideal for CG
of VN. Technically
very competent. Master
of science/math.
Moral - doesn't like
money or playing around
Very tough on officers
working for him
Very dedicated man
He walks, not rides, when

he marches his troops.
33 or 34.
Thang did the fortification
in North (I) the Parallel
when CO 1st Div,
He was a draftee
(Marines CO also)
Never sleeps home.
Always on the move.

Bingham - 23 Oct

1 + 2 corps = long-range patrols

Mobile Jungle Groupement

air resupply

Flexible 2-5 companies

R

131 TO/E

5 - O

126 - EM

want increase 142

2 = M-19 mortar - 60mm

commo

heaviest - BAR

1 per squad (12 men)

bulk are sub-machine

Thompsons

replace M-3 (?) - AR-15

Armalite

Tng Rangers

11 week cycle

5 week | individual O's & NCO sep from men

1 week merging up

5 week company tng.

now on-site program

to test Task Force concept

3 week refresher now

Trung Lap / Tayninh area

should be 5 week refresher

Maj Krauser
Mobile Forest Groupement
VN called it this
Base Area Concept -
series small border
outposts - bottled up -
so pulled out into larger
(2 co's) or larger (1 bn) bases. it
temporary, which can be
abandoned. Hoping they
have access road or
air strip. Capable
sending out lots small
patrols (Brit Malaya
system). clear area
for air drop north
22nd / 23rd - ~~[illegible]~~ Corps
1st & 2nd - I Corps
these VN - very few
Montagnards

considering forming
2 Div's montagnards
1 Div - 6,200
would not be in
consonance with MAAG
plan.
II Corps G-2 - says VC
recruited 1,700 montagnards
GVN would be taking
seconds. They walk
off after a time.
VN cannot talk to them,
language difficulties.
JSAD - Sage - has copies
of scoop on Rangers.

3-4,000

30,000-man increase
should be able to take
care of this.

curfew – needed
no check points

~~But~~ just so many
defiles to cross

Prov Chf – Camau
driving around, nobody
smiled at him.

24 Oct – Maj Freestone

G-2 I Corps – reported 15 VN bns
Tchepone – two VN Divs
(Field 304 NVN Div
and 324 " (b)(1)
G-2
VN div attacked
from Laos) [redacted] State
4 routes partially confirmed
On Rte 9
Also – 3 Regmts. W Kontum
325th just N of ~~60~~ 17th

24 Oct – McGarr
- Must be able to command
- Is not Theater CO.
- Thompson not telling him anything / Times liaison
- Pol-psy-econ not keeping up with mil.

1800 —
at 1100 — Rostow
0700 = Thuan
Thuan
25356 office

NDD – 24 Oct

1. Need more helicopters
 – for opns.
2. Intell. – send agents
 into forests Annamite
 chain. Many don't return.
 7 recently.
3. Chinese O's suggested
 picking up by helicopter
4. Have to be in good
 phys. shape to work in
 tribal areas.
5. Algeria – French helicopter engineer
6. River craft LCVP's
 needed. VC doing lots
 fishing Camau area.
7. Will be needed to
 transport rice to flood

VC now have new
mines in rivers, waterways.
Lost 4 boats in Camau
last 2 weeks.

Old French boats now
really worn out.

Right now VC speeding up.
Kien Hoa - 3 co's

Infiltration from Laos
are reinforcements for
South. It pipeline.

Alsop asked question.
Giap had idea against
French —

VC might be able to
take Kontum.
Dac To - understrength bn
Kontum 45 km away is
not much better off.

Need fighter pilots. Felt
said need 2 years.
VC afraid of acft.

Left Army alone last
few weeks. But Minh
didn't act.
Division in Kien Hoa,
Cantho, My Tho, Plaine
des Joncs — just went
into towns, took over
govt bldgs + private homes.
NDD finally had to give
orders to get Army out
into field. Minh said,
[illegible] see, we being
interfered with.
O's not trnd for war needed
here, especially for Int.

Passivity towards enemy. Always griping.

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McGarr – NSD should give spark – give orders.

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Must control all the rice. Harvest about Christmas. Told Taylor. Now have to get complete control. Biggest problem for VC in High Plateau is resupply. From now until Xmas be harvesting. Can see crops plainly. That's why need Godel's gimmick. They in zones controlled by VC.

No rice for montagnards. French bishop in Kontum is colonialist. He worried for missionaries. The montagnard have to be regrouped. There always objection – people say they nomadic – and would take off again. If heed this – then nothing get done.

Another thing – point is not just to have agri. center – but for security.

People say NDD fine
to build big things for
30 years.

~~EL & Wms said you
must not~~ [Telephone]

Gardiner - nonentity.

Civil Guard - no trng.

VC organization

for each regular, there
are 2 regional ~~[illegible]~~ + 3
villagers.

In high plateau - they
pick up the people to
make regulars of them.
Use best of regionals
to make regulars of
them. Regulars not as
dangerous as regionals,
even tho' they fight.
Can be in big units.

In Feb or Mar last year.
NDD said there be war in
1960.

McGarr - you too nice
to USOM.

Time is important factor
VC say they win in
2 months.

VC 28 oct – Thuan
VC prisoners
Hone Min. Leung
Phu Loc
Paulo Condore
Thu Duc, etc.
Prov chiefs turn over
Hard core cadres recruit &
train
After 1 yr or 6 mos.
rehabilitation – ask
prov chief if any other
charges – he says very dangerous
Don't work. Better food
than soldiers.
About 10,000 – not the
30,000 reported

Army seems to be
court-martialing too
many people. Desert
for few days, then
come back voluntarily.
Too many in jails.
Marines – Phan Thiet
people fed them 5
meals per day.
Col Le ~~Vinh~~ Nguyen
Khang
CO Marines
—
What do about Mme Nhu
Executive Comm.
headed by Nhu?

Bernie Yoh / Father Hoa

Cholon cowboys
2 co's juvenile delinquent
Baginer's bows + arrows
Bernie wants about 40
when can handle in SDC;
then issue, with couple of
grenades

Youth will volunteer
for fighting Communists,
where they don't want be
drafted as Army
Men will react to a
challenge - even if
offered only blood, sweat,
tears.

Thuan - 25 Oct
"What do about Cambodia?
"Snoul" plantation
runs over border
Vien Treng prov -
Cambodia next to
High Plateau
Chinese said NVN Comm's
in prison in Cambodia
released + taken back
to where captured.
Evidently connivance

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Rostow: Jungle Jim
be used at hqs - brief
AF together.
High level coordination:
give responsibilities to
man. Have to risk
mistakes. Somehow the
Pres. has to learn to have

Survey –

In each Corps Area must have priorities –

1. Quality mil leaders + staffs
2. " prov chiefs
3.

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26 Oct. Ken Young + CT
Bangkok

Joint Thai-Lao-US
Psywar Comm. | just estab

Joint Border Command
northeast – MAAG proposed

JUSMAG – 3 Ranger Co's
at Spl Forces

| 3d Div in Northeast
| jungle/guerrilla trng

Col Winn
90 days to train
F86 pilot for photo in
RF104.
F101

| Gen Milton has
| answer – at least
| 8 mos. This is to fly

control N, E

C-47
helicopters
T-6 / T-28
composite sqdn to support
Bn.

27 Oct - Dawee Hqs

Sp Opns trng
Regular units
1 Ranger Bn
night / jungle training
RTA to become an Army
good at counter-guerrillas
But per diem (rations)
when units go into field
for trng + budget won't
stand. Heinz has dope.
4-RT33 for photo recon.
New counter-insurgency
command structure
Army, Border Pol, Prov
Police, Water Police.

Psywar Sec - J-3
Comm attach
1. SEATO for offensive
2. US aid arms, not think
of peoples welfare
3. Thailand follows US
blindly

Radio Peking Hanoi comes in
louder in some border areas
than Radio Bangkok.

No operating psywar
unit in Armed Forces -
have staff sections in
Supreme Command Hqs &
each service.

Johnson - Opns Comm
Thai/US

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mostly under 40 yrs old.

KMT irregs. 3,500
4 - 75 recoilless
990 rifles

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OSD

[redacted]

now 3/e SF teams
village chiefs
estab. guerilla areas.

Tchepone - Kha area
Lao have neglected

SF teams - Saravane &
Attopeu

Phoumi already agreed to
VN penetration is into
Laos 20 km. Phoumi
unable do anything around
Tchepone or panhandle.

To Boyle – what do you
mean by "encadrement".
US concept – orig. US,
but language tough,
then Thai – to command
companies, bns.
Now US down into bns
as advisors.
Groupe mobile – 3 bns.
2 teams for –
36 SF teams live with bns.
(6-man)
1 – capt
sgt
commo
weapons + demol.
Phoumi kicking off 4 bn sweep
Pakse towards Saravane
– Attopeu

Plan for guerrilla opns
back to CINCPAC – for
SF teams – (Chalermchai
Thuan

Cao Tai Bao, 27 Oct
VN in NE Thailand 50,000.
2 ships per mo., 600 ea.
~~agree~~ lift ends in March,
so it won't take them all.
About 5,000 in Bangkok
(over 90% Vietminh). Meet
in Buddhist temples & VN
agents unable get in.
One Dr Tuyen's people arr.
this morning. Need at
least 2 more. Come in quietly.
Agents now, dress up as
bureaucrats. Work with
Interior

[redacted]

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OSD

Thàn his idea PARUs +
Spl Bc, Border Police.
Took 3 Jungle Jim + Takli

[redacted]

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Cambodia – No cland.
plans known. Talk of
RTA action nonsense – it
cannot move out without
"per diem".

PARU's only unit for
use outside border.
Rangers for defense inside.

No PW's captured or
interrog.

Army psywar – very
little. Small radio
stations (1-5 kw) in
Army units around
country, Full of advertising.
Mostly a money making
scheme.
Sarit – left hand comn.
with Soviets, in case of
need.

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[redacted] 27 Oct

on Meos

[redacted]

2. Force structure, increase

3. Pay (right now, not through ICA)

4. Weapons & supply. (has to program — under MAP has to go to Phoumi who distributes) Needs a Takhli base, plus kickers, etc, to get delivery right to the spot.

5. Decisions cannot be held up.

Put it up to [redacted] make the decisions on slow phasing.

Phoumi organizes units — not paid because over the force levels.

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[redacted]

SF teams — 6 mos. In jungle this enough. In villages, 1 yr would do well.